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Dear IUB members: Josh Byrnes, Geri Huser, and Richard Lozier

The Hardin County Central Committee in support of our state platform would like to object to the use of eminent domain by a private company.

Our Republican platform states:

- 1. We support laws prohibiting ownership of United States farmland, property, or other assets by foreign governments or entities controlled by such.
- 2. We oppose government using eminent domain to take private property away from the owner for the use of another private party.
- 3. We oppose all government mandates and efforts associated with alleged man-made global warming or climate change.

The CATO Institute says, "America's Founders understood clearly that private property is the foundation not only of prosperity but of freedom itself. Thus, through the common law, state law, and the Constitution, they protected property rights —Property is the foundation of every right we have, including the right to be free. It is the rights of people to acquire, use, and dispose of property freely."

